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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Harlan Westedt, 57, of Loganville, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to one year of probation for destruction of mail. He was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. Westedt pleaded guilty to this charge on September 11, 2007.

Westedt was a rural mail carrier when he committed this offense. Rather than deliver bulk mail, he discarded it in a ditch on his property. When searching the property, agents found more than 3,600 pieces of discarded mail.

The charges against Westedt were the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General and the Sauk County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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